

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

De bonis non administratis.

The very appellation of this kind of letters doth fully imply their use, viz. that they are issuable on such estates, whereof the goods and chattels have not been fully administrated, by a former administrator; and are granted only in the following cases.

First, Upon the death of a former executor or administrator, before he hath fully administrated.

Here, the deputy commissary upon application to him made, issues letters *de bonis non*, empowering such person to possess himself of such part of the estate, as is left unadministrated, and to finish the administration thereof, under the name of administrator *de bonis non*, to the deceased intestate: but such administrator *de bonis non* is not in any wise to interfere with, or alter any disposition made, or transaction carried on by the former administrator, wherein no wrong or fraud appears, all such proceedings being good and valid in law: in case of testacy, by the death of the executor, a person so appointed is called an administrator *de bonis non*, with a
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